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Jeff Berthney Named Employee of the Month for February

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig has announced that Jeff Berthney, a Recreation Specialist with the Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation, has been named *"Employee of the Month"* for February. For the past 15 years Mr. Berthney has conducted coaching education for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Arden McClune, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation nominated Mr. Berthney for the award. In her nomination, Mrs. McClune stated, "Jeff has been an integral part of conducting the National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS) program with Harford County. Due to Jeff's tireless efforts with the Churchville Recreation Council, Inc., the 2012 National Alliance for Youth Sports **"Excellence in Youth Sports Award"** was awarded to the Churchville Recreation Council". Director McClune added, "Jeff has gone above and beyond in his many years of volunteering to be the NAYS Chapter Director for Harford County. In doing so, Jeff helps run Start Smart programs, an introduction to youth sports for children ages three to five, and encourages and trains staff in becoming Certified Youth Sports Administrators, and also teaches area sport clinics for youth, administrators, coaches and parents".

The goal of the National Alliance for Youth Sports is to make sports and activities safe and positive by providing programs and services that add value to youth sports. NAYS has become the nation's leading youth sports educator and advocate with national programs and that educate administrators, coaches, officials and parents about their respective roles and responsibilities in the context for youth sports.

Commenting on being named *"Employee of the Month"* for February, Mr. Berthney said, "It has been a pleasure to be able to work with the Churchville Recreation Council and all the other councils in the county. Harford County is truly a great place to work and live. We are lucky to have the many volunteers that work with all the councils. They are a very special group of people and I am proud to work with them".

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During the recognition ceremony honoring Mr. Berthney, County Executive Craig said, “Our Department of Parks and Recreation does a wonderful job serving both youth and adults with a number of quality recreational and sports programs. Through his work with local rec councils, Jeff has demonstrated excellence and outstanding performance supporting the youth of Harford County. I congratulated Jeff on this achievement and extend best wishes for continued success throughout his career with Harford County government”.

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